



DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING

Team Release

Qualifying Report

2016/9/24 Rd-6 Sport Land SUGO

Weather : cloudy/fine Temperature : 24°C 19cars

After 6 race of 5 rounds, there are 6 different winners. Rd-6 SUGO is in the middle of the unusual dead heat for the points. As this circuit is known for its difficulty of overtaking, the position after QF will be more important than ever.

In Knock-out QF1, two cars of DOCOMO TEAM DANDELION RACING attacked with new tires. Vandoorne came out on top recording the best time in Sec3, and then dropped to 2nd position. In the other hand, Nojiri recorded the best time in Sec4, however, because of a lack of car balance, he finished in 8th. Both two made for QF2.

In following QF2, Nojiri went out on track after a small adjustment. He checked the strategic direction of set-up, and finished in 5th position. Vandoorne began to attack carefully warming tires, however, he made small mistake, so he cooled them down once, and made an attack again on Lap4. He became 7th. Both Nojiri and Vandoorne moved on to QF3.

In QF3, Nojiri warmed tires keeping distance between cars in front and behind, and made an attack on Lap3. He drove without a mistake, however, he ended up in 3rd. Vandoorne recorded the best time in Sec4, and finished QF3 in 5th position.

* Because Car # 37 dropped one place down in the grid for safety conformation violation during pit-out, Nojiri was to start from 2nd position.

#40: Tomoki Nojiri Position 3rd (QF1 8th QF2 5th QF3 3rd) 1st among HONDA

In QF1, I felt the valance of my car needed to be adjusted and I couldn't bring out its performance well. Whole though QF, we made a progress step by step, adjusting set-up and driving. Tomorrow, I will start from the second position. I will focus on starting first, and then, do what I have to do to win the race.

#41: Stoffel Vandoorne Position 5th (QF1 2nd QF2 7th QF3 5th) 3rd among HONDA users

I think 5th position was OK, considering a struggle during free practice in the morning. In QF3, the timing to keep space in front and rear for a clear lap was so bad that I couldn't warm tires enough. Starting position tomorrow is not bad, so I will try to make a good start and finish in a higher rank.